

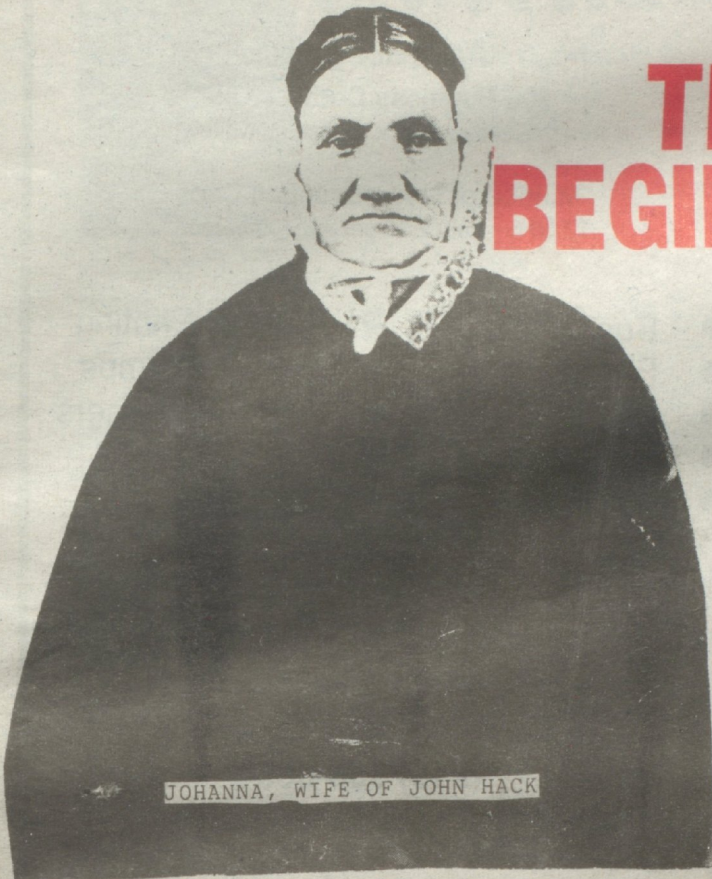
# ST. JOHN COMMUNICATOR

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## THE BEGINNING



JOHANNA, WIFE OF JOHN HACK



JOHN HACK

It is generally agreed that the Town of St. John had its beginning when John Hack, a German immigrant farmer and his family arrived in 1837, in the area then known as Western Prairie or Prairie West. To fully appreciate that this man and his family came to a wilderness area to start a new life, one must go back a few years prior to this date. The Indiana Territory was organized in 1800 and was admitted to the Union as a state in December of 1816. At that time, the entire northwestern part of the state was a true American Wilderness, and the area that was to be Lake County was a part of this vast wilderness. It was in 1832, after the peace treaty with the Indians, when the United States purchased this northwestern part of Indiana from the Indians. The first government surveyors arrived in 1834 to survey the area into sections and townships. The population at that time was mostly Indians, although the majority of them were located on the banks of the Kankakee River and the Calumet River. A handful of settlers had come into the area that is now Crown Point, and a few others had settled at the mouth of the Calumet River in the Brunswick area. In the area of St. John and St. John Township there were

no settlers, only a few roving Indians. It was to this beautiful, lonely wilderness that John Hack, a newcomer to this country, and his family came, just five years after the Indian peace treaty, and here he built his home in the new land. One likes to speculate why Hack and others who followed him from Germany, choose this area to settle. The logical conclusion is that after the area was surveyed, the government opened it up to settlers at a very low cost. Hack, and those who followed, were farmers and owned no land in Germany. They worked for the large landowners in their Fatherland. They didn't earn much, nor did they spend much, so they were able to save much of the meager pay they received. Over here was the opportunity to own their own land and build their own homes, beholden to no one other than their ability to sacrifice and make it on their own. Solid facts and details about pioneer life in St. John seem to be somewhat difficult to come by. The hard working early settlers, attempting to make a life for themselves in a new and different land, had scant time or inclination to set down their thoughts, feelings and experiences for the benefit of posterity.

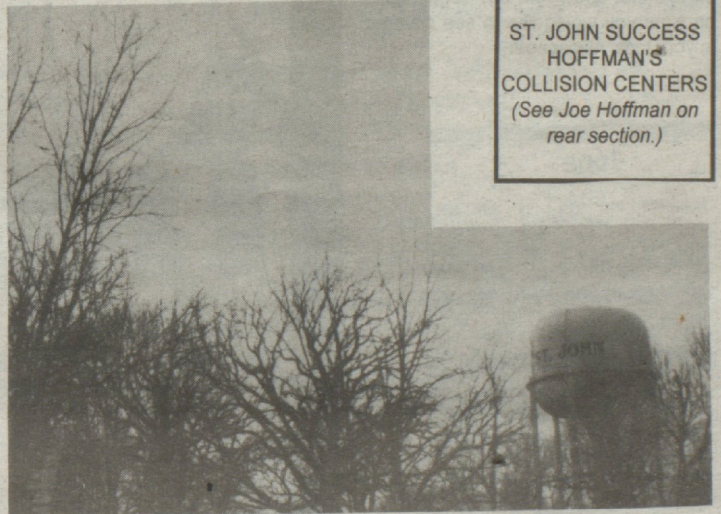
Thus the historian must gain what glimpses of that life that he can from surviving materials. The paucity of materials, however, has created a situation where most local history books relating the growth and development of Lake County and its communities shed little light on St. John's past. Upon his arrival locally, accompanied by his wife, Hannah, and a large family, he immediately settled on a forty acre piece of land located approximately one half mile east of present Route 41 and south of Joliet Street. The land was purchased from the Department of the Interior, and the deed, which still exists, bore the signature of President John Tyler. John Hack's name was carried on the deed as "John Hawk", a misspelling that was later corrected when he made his second land purchase in 1844. This second purchase was bounded roughly by 93rd Street, Olcott Avenue, Forrest Street and U.S. Route 41. In 1842, Hack constructed a peach brandy distillery. It had to be, if not the first, one of the earliest businesses established in the community. Reputedly a man of far-sighted vision and considerable leadership ability, Hack welcomed other immigrants from his native land who settled nearby shortly after his arrival and foresaw the

establishment of a flourishing and prosperous community here. Tall, dignified and patriarchal in manner, Hack was born in 1787 in a Rhine province that some time before has passed from French to Prussian control.

Indiana, and in Chicago. The name of the first Catholic church in St. John was "The Finding of the Holy Cross," and the priests who journeyed on horseback to serve those early settlers had

built the shipping channels to connect Lake Michigan with the Des Plaines River might assume, as I did, that they were relatively modern concepts in terms of local history, but Father Austgen has

ST. JOHN SUCCESS  
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(See Joe Hoffman on  
rear section.)



### FATHER AUSTGEN'S THEORY

A theory on why he chose St. John to settle & build.

Father Austgen has pointed out that the founders of Notre Dame University, his order of Holy Cross fathers, were also the source of the priests who served the German pioneers both in Lake County,

their headquarters in South Bend.

Interesting, too, is Father Austgen's speculation why John Hack might have chosen the site of what became St. John (named for him by his fellow townsmen, reported Timothy Ball, with "Saint" merely added for euphony). Readers aware of the engineering feats that changed the course of the Chicago River and

discovered that many schemes envisioning such waterways had been proposed decades earlier. He wonders if John Hack might have positioned his settlement to be strategically between the Calumet River and the Kankakee, able to take advantage of which ever route might materialize for a shipping channel. Certainly the German settlers prospered from the railroads and highways that eventually ribboned across Lake County!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This Newspaper is an effort from the heart & mind of a dreamer, with St. John's growth and pride behind it.

As a child takes its first faltering steps - we are taking the first step in an effort to bring to St. John a newspaper that will be about the St. John, Schererville and Dyer area.

We hope to bring the community, its spirit, its hopes, its plans and various activities into your home, and to keep you informed about certain important dates of town functions.

We hope you enjoy and become a steady reader of the St. John Communicator. We would like to have a lot of pictures of town activities in future issues.

Next issue we will publish as many letters to the editor as possible. I hope you will give us your positive feedback on this first effort with any suggestions on what you would like to see covered in your local newspaper.

## The Editor

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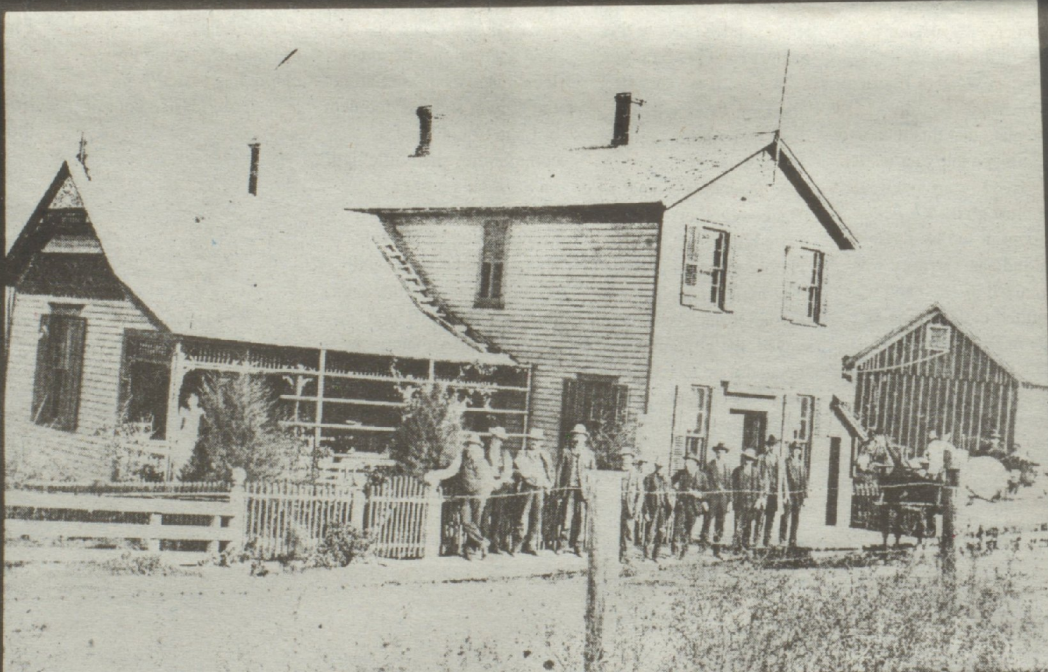
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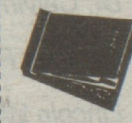
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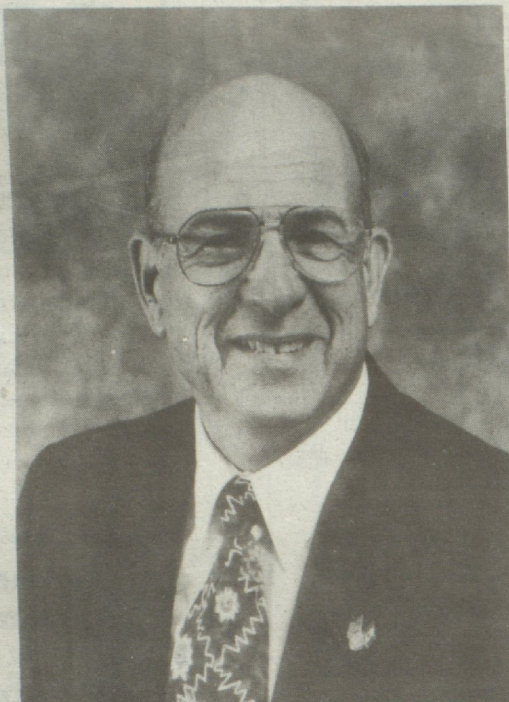
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**2. Mock Hollandaise Sauce**

3 Tbsp Butter  
2 Tbsp Flour  
1 C water  
1/2 tsp salt  
paprika  
Juice of 1/2 lemon  
1 whole egg or 2 egg yolks  
Blend 1/2 of the butter in saucepan, Add water and bring to boiling point, stirring constantly, add seasoning, and pour while boiling. Add remaining butter & serve.

**3. White Sauce**  
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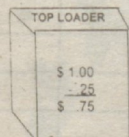
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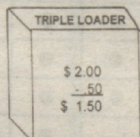
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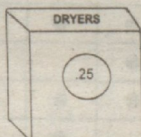
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FOR

**COUNTY CORONER**

**DEMOCRAT MAY 7, 1996**

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**ELECT**

**DEMOCRAT**

**DAVE HARRETOS**

FOR

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT #12**

**FACT: 1. GRIFFITH RESIDENT**

**FACT: 2. POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**FACT: 3. NOT CONTROLLED BY  
EAST CHICAGO POLITICAL MACHINE  
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ST. JOHN, AND GRIFFITH  
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 12



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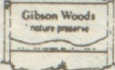
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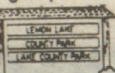
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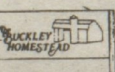
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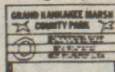
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# LAKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## RECOGNITION

by Andrea Pedtke

As the years progress, it is not uncommon to see Lake Central athletes receive state recognition for their talents as members of the many different LC teams. Senior Janet Benda continued this tradition after being named to the Indiana Girls Swimming and Diving All-State First Team for the second consecutive year.

At the IHSAA state swimming and diving finals held Nov. 4 in Indianapolis, Benda placed second in diving, which is the same accomplishment she made as a junior. Since only two girls are named to the All-State team each year, Benda, as well as many others, consider this recognition quite significant and memorable. She said, "I think it's a great honor. I feel proud of my accomplishments during the years I've been at LC."

Just as all things in life are accomplished, winning this recognition meant enduring long, strenuous hours of practice. All that practicing, hard work and persistence helped Benda achieve this honorable status. "I have worked so hard during my time at LC. To gain recognition such as this is such an honor," continued Benda.

Benda plans to use this award as an inspiration for her future in diving, and feels it has left a positive note for her time on the diving team at LC. While various colleges continue to be interested in her diving ability, Benda has her eyes set on more distinguished schools. "I would definitely like to pursue diving in college and am planning on attending one of the Big 10 schools."

Achieving the All-State recognition was one of the several goals set by Benda at the beginning of the swimming season. She commented, "One of my main goals was being named to the All-State First Team. Achieving that honor was definitely a great accomplishment."

## TOY DRIVE

As the amount of names on the list provided by the St. John Board of Trustees grew bigger, so did the contributions given by Lake Central students for the annual

toy drive, held the week of Dec. 4-Dec. 16, 1995. The large number of gifts piled up in the office reflected the hard work, effort, and generosity supplied by LC students.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA), the LC toy drive played a big role in putting smiles on the faces of around 75 area kids at Christmas. Junior Vanessa Renderman, president of the SGA, said, "I was very proud. I was amazed at the fact that when each class gives a little, the overall amount of toys is so great."

In order for the toy drive to work, each participating classroom in the school was given the name of a kid along with a list of gift ideas. It was then up to the students to raise the necessary amount of money for the presents, which made the whole event more special.

Since there was no contest for the class with the most gifts, the generosity and kindness of the entire student body was truly represented. Besides feeling good about contributing, many students also gained positive feelings after shopping for their kid. Junior Rachel Pratt commented, "I got to go out and shop for a nine year-old girl. It felt so good to go out and shop for this little girl who might not have had very many presents. I got a warm, fuzzy feeling inside and now know that giving really is the heart of Christmas."

Members of the SGA worked extremely hard in the organization of this annual event. Although some may think a large amount of work might not be essential to make a project such as this a success, that assumption proved false. It took several people to finish all that was demanded by the toy drive. "There were a lot of things that needed to be done including advertising, shopping, and gift wrapping. The members helped out a lot, especially with the shopping and wrapping," said Renderman.

With the increase in the

## ATTENTION SPAN

by Andrea Pedtke

As students arrive at school, many dread the thought of sitting in each

class for one whole hour. After all, the average attention span of a teenager is nine minutes. But the proposed Block 8 scheduling plan, which is being pushed for readiness by next fall, means Lake Central students would attend four classes each day for an hour and a half each.

Some LC students feel that this type of schedule would detract from how much they learn, not only hindering their academic progress, but their futures. Many students do have a hard time concentrating during the present LC schedule. It is hard to imagine how much information would be absorbed in classes that focus solely on textbook and workbook exercises for the entire hour and a half.

One reason for the proposed change can be attributed to the higher amount of credits needed for graduation, which decreased the enrollment in electives. Block 8 is considered by administrators to be the solution for offering electives to students and providing more choices.

A major concern about the new scheduling plan is how the different lunch hours would be affected. Lunch hours may have to revert back to the old ways where lunches were split during fourth hour. Students would go to class, eat lunch, and then return to the same class. This idea appeals to several people because students would be able to have a short break and then come back focused for class. However, many feel the class might also have trouble getting started after students come back from lunch, since they would feel more in the social mood rather than the learning mood.

But block scheduling does offer some advantages that seem to overshadow the negatives, according to administrative supporters. Having four classes one day and then four different classes the next would allow students the option of taking an extra class that would previously not have been available to them. With the required classes students presently have, little or no room is left for an

elective class. Block scheduling provides students with the option of a

seventh hour and also a student resource time.

Having an added class that interests each student would make learning more fun and coming to school easier. The resource time could also allow for students to meet with teachers for extra help or take tests that were previously missed. That way students involved in sports or other extracurricular activities would be able to finish all retesting and tutoring before practices and meetings begin.

Despite negative viewpoints toward block scheduling, some feel that it is a step in the right direction. Whether it benefits students is definitely something that needs to be considered next year, even if it means making adjustments. The education that a student receives is crucial, and any change that brings this about is needed.

## HOMEWORK

by Andrea Pedtke

As homework piles up and the daily routine of extra-curricular activities grows more demanding, time management proves to be somewhat of a difficult task for Lake Central students. So where do students find time to finish all that homework, squeeze in an hour or two for practice or work a few hours after school for minimum wage, all in the same day? Although it may be difficult, many do.

Whether participating in sports, jobs, theater or other activities, time is always a primary concern for students. It is especially a concern for those enrolled in honors classes or other courses that require more effort, which usually means more homework and more stress. Junior Melissa Joseforsky, who works around 33 hours a week at Champ's Sports, said, "I usually don't get all my work finished. It seems that teachers don't understand that students have other things to take care of."

But some find different ways to finish everything in the time span from after school until the next day. The solution is not to get involved in more than can be handled. Junior Teresa Kendall said, "My parents won't let me get a job because they think I am having enough trouble finishing

my homework and other activities now without a job and can't imagine how I would get everything done if I had one."

Others continue to have difficulty managing a job and school. Jackie Penn, a junior, works a rough 30 hours a week at Baker's Square. "I went back to work as soon as volleyball season was over and I have not been able to sleep in since the summer. I have no time for homework between work and little play," commented Penn.

Since time management is a problem for many, the question of whether students are being overloaded with homework arises. Joseforsky said, "The only chance I have for home work is on Sunday night. You put in a half hour for every subject and you end up studying for three hours. That's ridiculous!"

However, certain ways to alleviate the stress associated with school and homework do exist. Some teachers give time in class to work on different assignments or other school work. If one knows they have little time available and a lot to finish, she/he should use that time wisely instead of talking to friends or doodling on notebooks. By doing this, the amount of work decreases and the student can concentrate on finishing the remainder of homework at a later time.

Getting frustrated by the abundance of homework and lack of sleep is not uncommon for LC students, especially after a long night of activities and studying. "After school I have just enough time to cook and eat dinner before I rush off to work. When I get home at 11 p.m. from work, I am very sleepy, so it takes me double the time to finish my homework," Penn said.

While students continue to endure the pressures of high school, managing extra activities such as jobs and sports proves increasingly difficult. However, a student only goes through high school one time and should learn as much as possible. Whether it means cutting down on the extra-curricular activities or enrolling in easier classes with less work, it is up to the individual student to make the decision.

## WRESTLERS

by Andrea Pedtke

Students passing by the Lake Central hallways after school are likely to find a classroom filled with LC wrestlers. Why aren't they on the wrestling mats? Head coach Mr. Bob Emerick incorporated an after school study hall for the wrestlers which allows them to focus on academics before going to practice.

Emerick, who started the system around two years ago, feels the after school study hall is effective for several reasons. Besides standing behind the fact that passing five subjects is a mandatory requirement for all athletes, he feels that being in a sport can be very demanding. He said, "If you are an athlete involved in a demanding sport, there's absolutely no time for getting everything done."

Besides providing time to finish homework, receive tutoring, or take a retest, the extra time allows for the team to grow stronger as a group. The study hall after school gives time to bond as a team—bonding that can't always be done during practices." continued Emerick. Some of the team members agreed. Junior John Ourednik said, "During wrestling you only get to know the wrestling side of the person. It helps having extra time to know people on your team."

While Emerick feels that the extra studying time is effective, the team as a whole has mixed feelings. One wrestler said, "Having a study hall is a good idea because you can get some pressure off your back by getting some homework out of the way. But then you also get home later and have less time to do things."

Ourednik agreed. "You have time to get your homework done before a tiring wrestling practice. The only drawback is getting home after 6 p.m."

One wrestler strongly opposes the study hall, declaring that it serves as a type of seventh hour. He said, "The study hall takes up all of our time at school. We are here from 7:25 a.m. until 6 p.m. We are here so long that we are drained before practice."

However, the extra time also furnishes more



opportunities for the coaching staff. Emerick said, "It gives me time to monitor their behavior and grades, which is something I can't accomplish when I'm coaching."

Most of the wrestlers have not noticed a significant change in their grades since the start of the season and after school study hall. Ourednik said, "Basically my grades have stayed the same, but I have less to do after school and practice"

While no other sorts get involved with a system such as this, Emerick expressed that major supporters of an after school study hall are the parents. He said, "Parents appreciate having the study hall because they also worry about the grades being received by their kids."

#### WINTER SPORTS

by Andrea Pedtke

As the winter sports season for Lake Central finished up, many teams from the past fall season have presented certain individuals with one of the most respected honors available--the most valuable player award. although only one player receives this award for each team and the talent is so widely spread, it seems as though more than one player could be chosen for the recognition.

Since talent is remarkably high at LC and other area schools, competition consistently remains at an elevated level. Added competition, provides inspiration for players to play at peak performances. With this competition, choosing just one MVP can be difficult for coaches. Usually MVP's are chosen based on total performance during the season, the amount of leadership shown, and the attitude reflected towards teammates. Winning MVP for the girls' soccer team was senior Shannon Anderson, who consistently played exceptional soccer throughout the entire season. She said, "It was an honor to be MVP of the LC girls' soccer team. It was fun to be a leader of the team and have people respect me. It was also neat for me to receive this recognition since my twin brother, Kris was also named MVP for the boys' soccer team."

The large LC football team awarded several honors in different categories to the players. For the offensive awards, achieving the status of outstanding lineman was senior Sasho

Becvarovski, while the outstanding receiver recognition went to senior Greg Walker. Becvarovski and senior Scot Berger were also recognized as team captains for the offense. Senior Doug Walczak grabbed the outstanding back award, followed by junior Bob Pesavento who gained the most improved honor.

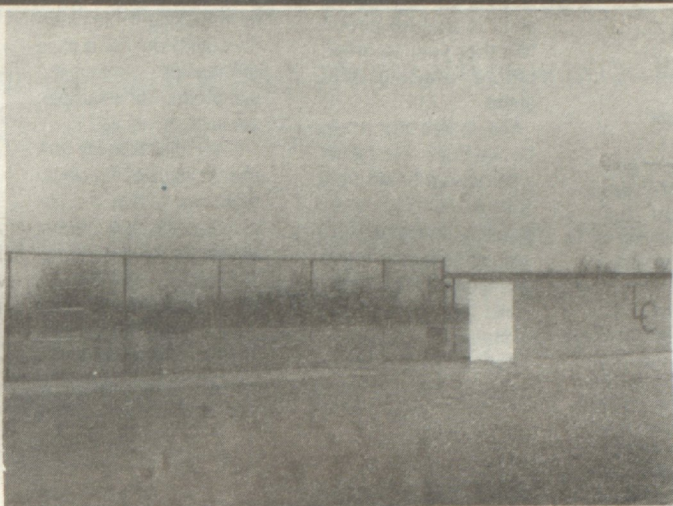
In the defensive category, the outstanding lineman award was granted to senior Rudy Lomberger, who was also named as a team captain for the defense. Peifer was named as the outstanding linebacker, while seniors Mike Lindinger and Mark Hazard were awarded the outstanding defensive back and most improved honors. The scholar athlete recognition was also given to Lindinger. Besides being named team captain, Berger also achieved the most valuable player status for the offense, while senior Kirk Peifer earned the most valuable player status for the defense.

Senior Aaron Vela captured the most awards for the team, which included winning the title of defensive captain, securing the Dan Miloserny Champion Award, and being recognized as the overall team's most valuable player.

For the girls' varsity volleyball team, which lost to Munster in the sectional finals, senior Sarah VanGorp proved to be a tremendous asset. Her play impelled coaches to choose her as the team MVP. Despite a somewhat disappointing season, the outstanding play shown by VanGorp propelled the relatively young team to achieve some great victories. According to many, her leadership also served an important role. She commented, "I feel that our team did good for being so young and having to start over with a new coach. It would have been great to go farther than we did, but I'll never forget the memorable moments we had during the regular season."

#### IMPORTANT DATE

April 1 - April 8 - Spring Break



### 1996-1997 LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORP

#### August

21 First Teacher Day  
22 First Student Day

#### September

2 Labor Day (No School)

#### October

24 Fall Break - No School  
25 Fall Break - No School

#### November

28 Thanksgiving Break- No School  
29 Thanksgiving Break - No School

#### December

23 - Jan 3 Winter Break - No School

#### January

16 - 17 Records day - H.S. & M.S. Half day  
17 Records Day - No School for Elementary

#### February

17 Winter Break - No School

#### March

24 - 31 Spring Break - No School

#### May

26 Memorial Day (observed)

#### June

3 End of Semester for Students  
4 Last Teacher Day



#### BEFORE OPENING DAY

L.C.J.V. Team gets a few swings at practice before Opening Day! Pitching is Barry Swisher who plays 2nd base and outfield. Batting is Ryan Lesniewski who catches.

Seems like there is some power in this bat. **GOOD LUCK!**

Photos & story compiled by Douglas D. Decker & Tara Decker.



## HELD BACK IN KINDERGARTEN

by Mildred Curry,  
Kindergarten teacher

It's the worst day of your life. Or one of them, anyway. You just learned that your kid is going to be... Held Back In Kindergarten.

What could she possibly mean...immature? He's one of the brightest kids around. Always asking questions - fantastic questions. Another year in kindergarten? She can't be serious. How could he face the other kids after that? After all, their kid isn't going to be held back. You don't suppose...? Could it possibly be my fault? I've tried hard to be a perfect mother and, here I am - a failure-and he's only five!

Any kindergarten teacher - any teacher, in fact - knows what a sensitive issue retention is. For parents, the news that their child is going to be held back can be devastating. And, for that very reason, opting for retention is tough on teacher, too.

It's much easier for a teacher to duck the whole business and send all her kids - the unready one along with the rest-on to the next grade. That copout only

postpones the decision, however, and it's in the meantime that most of the damage is done.

There's no doubt at all that, sooner or later, the new teacher is going to find out that the child who should have been retained in the first place can't do the work. Unfortunately, so does the child...and he's not likely to forget it. With his self-confidence and self-esteem battered by a steady fusillade of small failures, more likely than not, he begins to dread school. Then, somewhere in the midst of the school year, comes the ultimate indignity-a sign of failure anyone can read - the return trip to kindergarten.

If, instead, there's a prior decision to hold a child back (the earlier the decision, the better), any sensitivity about the retention has a chance to dissolve under the smoke-screen of summer and, in any event, being held back doesn't usually carry the same stigma as being sent back. The "usually" part depends almost entirely on the parents, if they accept it, their child quickly adjusts to it.

All they have to tell the

child is that he needs "another year to grow" before starting first grade.

And, in fact, that would be the truth. No matter what you've heard from friends who've been through the retention crisis, kindergarten teachers aren't likely to hold a child back for such reasons as...

-The child's a clown (or bully, or mischief-maker)  
- always acting up in class. The fact is, behavior problems disappear only if their real cause (e.g., emotional distress due to trouble in the home, need for attention) is eliminated. Retention doesn't solve the problem.

-The teacher just doesn't like the kid. Perhaps it's true that some teachers tend to have favorites among their pupils; even so, when it comes to the pass/retain question, almost certainly, it will be the teacher's professionalism - and not her personal feeling - that comes into play.

- The child can't read. Most kindergarten teachers are satisfied to teach only the *pre-reading* skills (identifying colors and shapes; direction words; moving the eye from left to right,

etc.), so they don't expect their pupils to be accomplished readers; most first-grade teachers are prepared to teach *beginning-reading skills*, so they don't expect kids to come to them knowing how to read.

-In some respects, the child doesn't seem as bright as other kids. Teachers accept the fact that no two children progress at the same rate in all things.

Immaturity is, in fact, about the only real reason for requiring a child to spend a second year in kindergarten. Still, tell a parent that's why his youngster is being held back and he's shocked. "What do you mean...immature?" he'll say. "Bobby's sharp as a tack!"

The trouble is, most parents have a hard time separating intelligence from maturity. Intelligence is "sharp as a tack." Maturity is something else - it has to do with growth.

Parents also have a hard time spotting immaturity in their own child - especially if that child happens to be the only one they've got. In a classroom full of children, however, there's

no mistaking it - immaturity stands out like a case of measles. Among the symptoms, for example, are such things as:

1. Easy distractibility (the shenanigans of the classmate next to him, the tick of the clock, a sunbeam dancing in a corner - anything-can distract the child from the project he's working on, the story teacher's reading, whatever the business at hand is).

2. Short attention span (he rarely can stick to a task until it's finished)

3. Lack of control over the muscles - large (he has trouble with such things as skipping, hopping and catching a ball) and/or small (e.g., he's clumsy with scissors and crayons).

4. Lagging social development (he hasn't yet learned, for example to share or take turns).

5. Under-developed visual perception and/or eye-hand coordination (e.g., he can't copy letters and numerals from provided samples).

No way does the fact that a child exhibits such symptoms mean that he's "dumb", that he'll never learn, that he's doomed to failure in school and in life. Almost

always, it means only what I suggested earlier - that he needs more time to grow.

Why does one child need an extra year in kindergarten to grow, while another doesn't?

For one thing, it could be that, though the child is developing at what's considered a "normal" rate, he is, in fact, younger than most of his classmates. Entrance regulations being what they are, one youngster can be almost a year younger than another in the same kindergarten, which means he's had one-fifth less growing time. It can make a big difference- especially in boys, who, at age five are likely to be about six months behind girls in developmental skills, anyway. (Don't worry, they catch up later.) If the public school kindergarten program is highly structured and competitive, such kids would probably be better off spending an extra prekindergarten year in a nursery school or at home (if the home setting includes friends, creative materials and parents who read to the child, take him places and answer his questions.)

On the other hand, a child may need a second year in kindergarten simply because he's a slow bloomer. Given time and the proper growing environment, his skills will blossom like dandelions on the lawn.

While it's nothing to feel guilty about, this tendency for slow-starting does seem to run in families. I recall one mother whose three kids all needed a second year in kindergarten. Luckily, mom accepted the retentions with equanimity and good humor. As a result, so did her kids, and the second time around in kindergarten gave each the competence in skills, self-assurance and increased sociability he needed to succeed in first grade.

Unfortunately, most parents are not as accepting of retention as the mother of my three repeaters. Usually, a parent's first reaction to the news that his child is going to be held back is to volunteer to "help him catch up over the summer so he can go to first grade." Believe me, it doesn't work.

Of course there are things a parent can do to make it easier for his

kindergartner-for all his children, in fact- to succeed in school. He can make sure the kids have good eye, hearing and physical exams, for example. And he can spend time with them in ways that not only enrich the school experience but, also, that promote warm family relationships.

However, when an over-anxious parent tries to push his child ahead in school, precious togetherness is frittered away, and the result can be disastrous. Not only is it possible that the pressure will impede, rather than speed, the child's progress but, also, that the parent/child and child/school relationships will be permanently tarnished. Growth takes time. You can't force your child to hurry up and mature, any more than you can force him to hurry up and grow tall.

Another typical parent response to retention is something on the order of, "A whole second year? He'll be bored stiff!"

Nonsense. the second term in kindergarten allows the child's spirit to grow. Tasks that seemed difficult, or even impossible, come easy

now. And, when he does get to first grade, it will be with self-confidence and a positive attitude toward school that will help him tackle his work in good style.

I remember one boy who, except for hesitant answers to direct questions, never said a word the whole first year he spent in my kindergarten. The second year, I could hardly keep him quiet, so eager was he to share his knowledge "I know that," he'd say, "I learned it last year." And nothing would do, but for me to step aside, while he took over as teacher to show the others what had to be done. his mother has many times since told me how grateful she is for her son's second go at kindergarten. That, she claims, was the beginning of his success in school.

Truthfully, I was not at all surprised by that mother's reaction. Never has retention proved anything but a positive experience for the less mature youngsters in my classroom.

So, if your child's kindergarten teacher suggests he needs another year to grow, forget what the neighbors may say. Push aside any guilt feelings that take seed in your heart. And, whatever you do, don't try to force the learning.

Just remember that a good many great minds have developed on slow time tables, and accept the retention graciously. At his vulnerable age, your child certainly is entitled to all the help he can get to insure him a successful school experience. Kindergarten, the second time around, could be just that kind of insurance policy.

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CANDIDATE FOR THE  
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**COMMITTEE FOR MORRIS W. CARTER  
FOR LAKE COUNTY RECORDER**

One of the highlights of the recent Planet Park controversy was the outstanding effort put forth by Lake County Councilman Morris W. Carter, who opened up the negotiations to public scrutiny and forced the proposers to reveal secret information about costs, jobs and taxes.

The dome football project would have cost up to 600 million dollars and would have gobbled up a county income tax for 28 years, with no guarantee of success.

Councilman Carter was persistent in developing the information for the public. He insisted on guaranteed jobs for Lake County residents and a substantial payment of expenses by the Chicago Bears.

Carter encouraged a countywide meeting of interested citizens to discuss this issue.

When all the facts were in, he voted "No" as representing the best interests of his constituents and the county as a whole.

This is the kind of unselfish, stand-up leadership needed in Lake County government --someone who puts the needs of citizens first.

This is the kind of leadership needed in the Lake County Recorder's office--an office beset by constant bickering and controversy over many years.

The Recorder's office is vital to homeowners and property owners in Lake County. The office must be extremely accurate and efficient. It has no room for careless or inept management.

Morris Carter has demonstrated his ability. He has the intelligence, the energy and integrity to operate this office in an efficient and responsible manner.

Carter has received many calls and letters of appreciation for his stand on the Planet Par5k issue. We believe that these sentiments, coming from all over the county, will support this further opportunity to serve the public interest.



# LAKE COUNTY'S 1.8 MILLION DOLLAR DRAINAGE PROJECT

After talking to George Van Til, current Lake County Surveyor, we found out some very interesting things about a project that took the help 3 towns (Dyer, Schererville, St. John), the Indiana Department of Transportation, Lake County Drainage, Lake County Highway Dept., and people like Mr. Tieble who donated 50 acres of land to help this project through.

"It took a lot of hard work to make sure this(the project) would not slip through the cracks and not be finished.

Storm drains are always a concern when the heavy rains come down because of the concerns of flooding. When builders do an entire subdivision you must have in most cases a retention pond to slow down(retain) water going to the main ditch or river. Otherwise the water will rise too quickly and subsequently cause flooding.

St. John along with Dyer & Schererville all have something in common, their storm drains

go to the Dyer ditch. The storm water then goes into the Calumet River, then to Lake Michigan at the end.

With all the building in the Tri-Town Area over the years you must slow down the water. When rain goes into the ground itself it doesn't run as fast to the ditches or rivers. By building roads and homes the water runs off these places much, much quicker. The closing of 213th (Airport Road) had to be done for the but good draining had to be there. Approximately the time the U.S. 30 widening project is starting, there must be this alternate route to help ease traffic congestion. June 1st you should be able to use 213th Street.

Mr. Van Til and others had told the Indiana Dept. of Transportation that before you begin the project this summer, you must have some water retention system. He asked of them to consider estimating what it may cost to build storm drains and some type or retaining water system, put that money into this part-

ticular project and it was just what was needed for this fast growing community.

It seemed as though Mr. Van Til was very proud of this project, tying up all loose ends and getting the job done.

To find out more information call your Lake County Government Center (219) 755-3745.

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Lake County Drainage Board  
Lake County Highway Department  
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Town of Schererville  
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Town of St. John



**Building of homes and businesses can continue now, which will soak up some of the taxes of the community.**



From Left to Right:  
Commissioner Peter Katic, Lake County Surveyor George Van Til, Lieutenant Governor Frank O'Bannon, Commissioner Ernest Niemeyer, Commissioner Rudolph Clay

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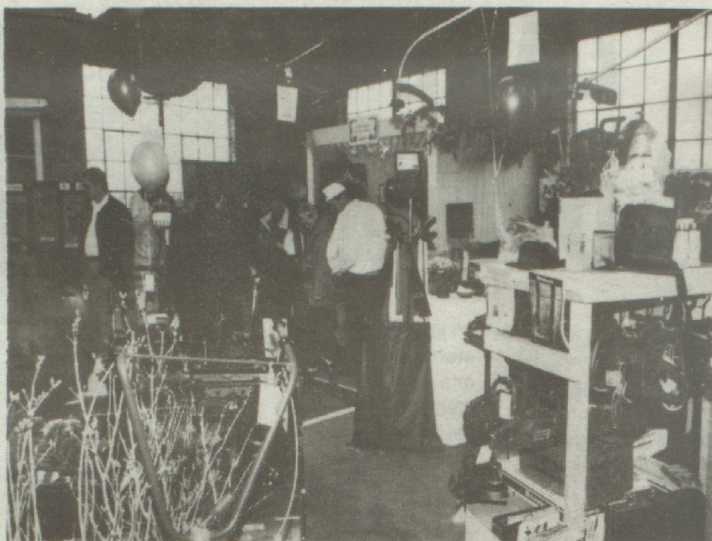
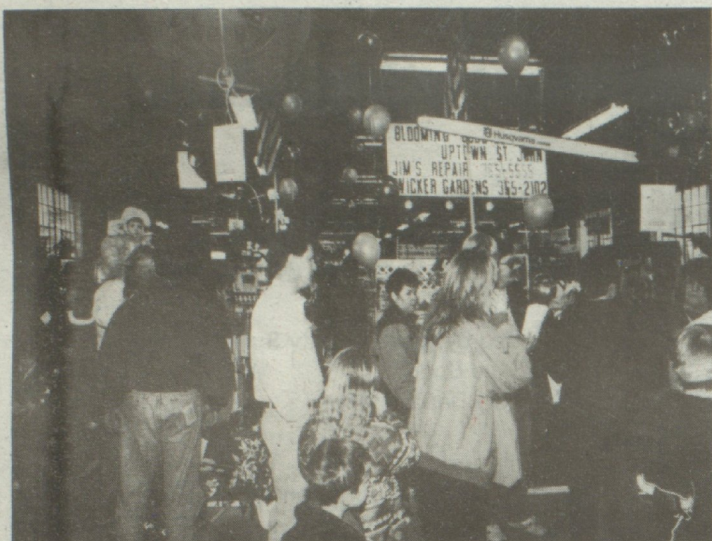
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## THE SECOND ANNUAL LAKE COUNTY HOME & GARDEN SHOW

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March 16th and 17th, The Lake County Fairgrounds was the place to be. It was host to the second annual Home and Garden Show, coordinated by Lakeview Associates. This years show boasted two showplaces, the Industrial Arts Building, and the 4-H Building. Connecting the two were a selection of recreation vehicles open for viewing.

Inside spectators were treated to some of the local businesses displays. Everything from electric paving brick patios, water ponds, and even a Solar Powered lawn Mower, were available for viewing. Attendance at this years show was up from last year. Viewers could leisurely chat with experts in the field of window replacement, water conditioning, and home spas. In addition there were seminars both days

on a myriad of subjects, ranging from rose care to

Jims lawn and Sport in St. John presented a completely Solar Powered Lawn Mower, that never needs to be plugged in. Also, a great new composter, The Yard Ball was on display. Wicker Gardens Florist, Gift, and Landscape Center introduced their new line of gourmet food items. Customers can choose from a variety of tasty tid bits including Pineapple Salsa, and home made fudge. These items are then assembled in a decorative basket. This makes a great gift item, for that hard to shop for friend or relative, and an affective alternative to traditional flowers and fruit baskets. In addition a multi-level pond was on display, complete with the running water and alligator fountains.

This years show shouldn't have been missed. Definitely look for next years show. Lakeview Associates is sure to dazzle us again next year with an even bigger and better show.

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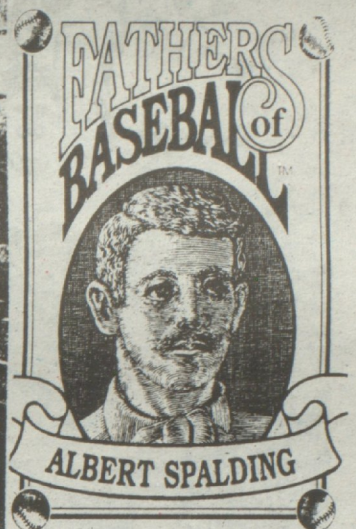
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# OPENING DAY



A photograph (ca. 1915) of the exterior of Weeghman Field, later to be called Wrigley Field.



**ALBERT SPALDING**

Albert G. Spalding became the star pitcher for the four-year champion Bostons from 1871-1875. In 1874, the Boston club spent most of the season in England on a tour arranged by Spalding.

At the end of the 1875 season Spalding and three of his teammates signed with Chicago and played in the new national League's first year of play. Spalding captained the Chicago team and was the league's leading pitcher.

Spalding's career advanced from pitcher to manager, owner, to baseball manufacturer. His baseballs competed with those manufactured by Reach and by Wright & Ditson. All three companies were, in fact, under Spalding control. Spalding's baseballs had names such as the Boss, Eureka and Rattler.

In 1907, he organized the commission that conferred the "Crown of Baseball" creation on Abner Doubleday.



A rare action photo from the 1906 World Series. It is the top of the sixth inning of Game 3, the White Sox have the bases loaded, and Jack Pfeister is trying to work out of the jam. He fanned the batter he is facing here (Frank Isbell), but the next man cleared the bases with a triple, giving the White Sox a 3-0 victory. Notice how shallow the outfielders played in the dead-ball era.



An outfielder with the White Sox from 1920-28 and then with the Indians through 1931, Bibb Falk batted over .300 eight times and .314 for his career.

Don't be an "if" thinker, be a "how" thinker.

Don't major in minor things.



The most significant decision you can make on a day to day basis is the choice of your attitude.

Positive Attitudes create a chain reaction of positive thoughts.





Front row, left to right: Ralph Scheidt, Clarence Scheidt and Ray Kammer.  
Middle row, left to right: Ed Hero, Dan Thiel, Robert Scheidt, Ray Gerlach and Francis Scheidt.  
Back row, left to right: Milan (Butch) Scherer, Ed Backe, Herb Gerlach, Harry Klein, Hubert Schutz and Al Specht.

Organized baseball in St. John can be traced back to the 1920's when the games were played on a field in Springhill Grove, now known as Springhill Subdivision. The location of the diamond was at West Springhill Drive and 93rd Street, facing northeast. Around 1930, a group of interested baseball enthusiasts from the area formed the St. John Athletic Club and started playing games against other area teams from Dyer, Schererville, Griffith, Cook, (now Cedar Lake) Brunswick, and occasionally from as far away as Hammond.



WHO'S THE BATTER?



The four Scheidt brothers  
Front row from left: Francis and Bob  
Standing from left: Clarence and Ralph

The St. John team was able to boast that there were four brothers playing on the team, Robert, Ralph, Clarence and Francis Scheidt. The four brothers still reside in St. John. Most of the players shown in the team photograph are still residents of St. John or at least live in the surrounding area. The manager of the team was Herb Gerlach, who also was a starting pitcher.

#### BASEBALL

America's Pastimes? There has been strikes, hold-outs, \$2.50 hot dogs. But then there was Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Connie Mack, Father & Son Day, the money that is raised for all the different charities, the game is still GREAT!!! Baseball is still a great game and it does take a lot of skill and coordination. People of all ages old and youngp will always be excited about this fine game. Baseball is an art.



**T-BALL ROSTERS 1996****PIRATES**

Caleb Butler  
 Danny Caudle  
 Ryan Demkowicz  
 Eddy Hackman  
 Kyle Kaluza  
 Michael Lendi  
 Ben Parchem  
 Christopher Rauguth  
 Adam Scheidt  
 Billy Stancy  
 Jacob Sulek  
 Michael Wingard

**TIGERS**

Billy Gnerlich  
 William Gogolak  
 Cody Keyl  
 Robbie Matijevich  
 Jerome Minyard  
 Elliot Petro  
 Matt Ryan  
 Robert Salasky  
 Stephen Schindler  
 Dale Sjoerdsma  
 Matthew Sjoerdsma  
 Kyle Koebeke

**WHITE SOX**

Kyle Buckley  
 Zachary Burns  
 Joe Damron  
 Kevin Forajter  
 Michael Kornaus  
 Ryan Pondinas  
 Art Sandaker  
 Daniel Smith  
 Kevin Snyder  
 Cole Tribble  
 David Ventura

**T-BALL ROSTERS 1996****REDS**

Andy Cribari  
 Kevin Doyle  
 Eric Groat  
 Andrew Hulett  
 Cory Majka  
 Anthony Morang  
 Frank Ruvoli  
 Timothy Snider  
 Daniel Stinson  
 Jonathan VanEck  
 Erik Vaundry

**BRAVES**

Allan Harris  
 Brian Horecky  
 Robert Krull  
 Eric Lamorte  
 Billy McAllister  
 Joey McAllister  
 John Mick  
 Tim Renner  
 Ronnie Sefick  
 Korey Stanberry  
 Timothy Zajeski

**CUBS**

Hillary Buchler  
 Kyle Feledy  
 Joseph Giannini  
 Cameron Grober  
 Teddy Hiemstra  
 Andrew Matura  
 Stephen Meeker  
 Billy Povlos  
 Carmello Ricciardi  
 Mitchell Swanson  
 Matt Wesley

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
LEAGUE 1996****INDIANS**

Mike Ninkovich  
 Ryan Lisek  
 Cliff Woodford  
 Mike Venturelli  
 Zac Fehrman  
 Mark Furman  
 Eric Nawrocki  
 Nate Fetcko  
 David Borgetti  
 Stuart Pidrak  
 Justin Haas

**YANKEES**

Matt Allen  
 Brian DeBartolo  
 Nick Murphey  
 STEve McCrea  
 Doug Romba  
 David Garbacz  
 Nick Yukon  
 Josh Clark  
 Nick Petro  
 Alan Martens  
 Alex Faulkner

**BLUE JAYS**

Jacob Biancardi  
 Adam Shingle  
 Ryan Frost  
 STEve Kolodziej  
 Zak Chariton  
 Matt Braatz  
 Steve Stark  
 Jake Freisinger  
 matt Baum  
 Paul McKeggue  
 Josh Hansen

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
LEAGUE 1996****A'S**

Brett Clark  
 Ryan Michaels  
 Corey Swanson  
 Garret Correlas  
 Ross Wieser  
 Mark Gardner  
 Joh Boersma  
 Schott Krager  
 CJ Tuskan  
 Garret Tussey  
 Chris Skinner

**SOX**

Tom Kayes  
 Nick Devich  
 Dave Wingard  
 Corey Dills  
 Ryan Thomas  
 Evan Homquist  
 Tim McFarland  
 Chris Carey  
 Randal Mendonsa  
 Don Strom  
 Tim Scherer

**ORIOLES**

Matt Heniff  
 Troy Russell  
 Simon Butler  
 Tm Lucko  
 Ryan McFarland  
 Eric Sims  
 Kevin Kozak  
 Nick Garibay  
 Terry Dekker  
 Tommy Dekker  
 Brad Handler

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
LEAGUE 1996****CUBS**

Nick Krol  
 Jeff Manchak  
 Jared White  
 Hans Oskam  
 Louis Cox  
 Alex Zajeski  
 Greg Krumm  
 Eric Nowacki  
 Andrew Aldridge  
 Jarron Kaczmark  
 Marshall Kaczmark

**TIGERS**

Sean Hall  
 Brent Demateo  
 Ryan Davis  
 Dan Lyrla  
 Kyle Cowser  
 Britain Allenbaugh  
 Frank Kwiatkowski  
 Bill Backe  
 Ryan Walsh  
 Amanda Knol  
 Andrew Knol

**MINOR LEAGUE  
1996****DEVIL RAYS**

Tom Arand  
 Marty Blane  
 Luke Buchler  
 Scott Gorney  
 Joe Gruzscyk  
 Ryan Heerema  
 Chad Kuhn  
 Mark Matijevich  
 Matt McCrea  
 Josh Nymeyer  
 Kevin Vlasek

**MINOR LEAGUE  
1996****DIAMONDBACKS**

Steve Cooper  
 Ryan Dalton  
 Scott Lockwood  
 Dave Muller  
 Andy Muller  
 Dale Murzyn  
 Kyle Nelson  
 Shaun Piotrowski  
 Anthony Smitka  
 Matt Twary  
 Nick Whitfield

**MARINERS**

Matt Dodaro  
 Steven Garbacz  
 Jon Gill  
 Jon Gogolak  
 John Grelak  
 Mike Jahaske  
 Matt Ninkovich  
 Bill Rickey  
 Jeffery Ruzich  
 Pat Winters  
 Joshua Wright

**REDS**

Tim Clark  
 Jason Coluzzi  
 Ian Figuly  
 Tom Forajter  
 Jeff Gates  
 Heath Hughes  
 Joe Justak  
 Pete Koopman  
 Jim Matura  
 Mario Minotti  
 Jim Pemberton

**MINOR LEAGUE  
1996****BLUE JAYS**

T.J. Feledy  
 Ryan Goodman  
 Justin Haas  
 Mike Halajcsik  
 Zachary Harville  
 Mike McAlister  
 Mike Muenich  
 Kurt Neumaier  
 Frank Provenzano  
 Jacob Radosevich  
 Eric Stark

**A'S**

Brett Arndt  
 Kenny Banasazk  
 Mike DeCero  
 Greg Kapelinski  
 Erik Lilly  
 Jeff Linn  
 Matt Parson  
 Kris Pickett  
 Jim Sura  
 Brett Swanson  
 Gary Wilbert

**CUBS**

Louis Aquilera  
 Greg Boros  
 Jake Decker  
 Matt DeRolf  
 Billy Gibbons  
 Derek Keilman  
 Jonathon Maida  
 Tim McKenna  
 Brian Parchem  
 Brian Vaundry  
 Brant Winterhaler

**MINOR LEAGUE  
1996****ROCKIES**

Chris Bohling  
 Scott Borgetti  
 Scott Deatherage  
 Francesco DeBartolo  
 Chris Hall  
 Nick Hub  
 Matt Kush  
 Jim Mavraganes  
 Ben McHugh  
 Ryan Postma  
 Mike Stinson

# St. John Baseball





## MAJOR LEAGUE 1996

### CUBS

Ed Bloom  
Brian Bords  
Andy Fowler  
Matt Gregory  
Chris LLOYD  
Joe McHugh  
Chad Meseberg  
Ryan Panozzo  
Carlo Santori  
Ken Turner  
Dan Villaseñor

### SOX

Brian Allen  
Jeff Biancardi  
Chris Boutcher  
Matt Condon  
Ken Coltery  
Zachary Koopmans  
John Mallory  
David Nagdeman  
Andrew Otte  
Tim Schneider  
Ted Ziady

### INDIANS

Justin Butler  
Dan Deatherage  
Jim Funk  
Joey Heboa  
Jon Kawalczyk  
Mike Kras  
Tim Mestrich  
Matt Miller  
Jon Radosevich  
John Sabitis  
Todd Szanyi

## MAJOR LEAGUE 1996

### MARINERS

Billy Adams  
Bryan Dypkowski  
Billy Herschberger  
Ian Holmquist  
Brad Hub  
Adam Itczak  
Mike Kinsey  
Bobby Ostrowski  
Steve Skowronski  
Rich Twardy  
Jason Wagner

### YANKEES

Jon Bastasich  
Robert Caldwell  
Drew Dziegłowicz  
Aaron Feledy  
Joey Haduch  
Adam Martisek  
Billy Mitchell  
Jeff Naughton  
Garry Ruvoli  
Nick Serdar  
Ed Sidla

### ROCKIES

Allen Aldridge  
Patrick Clark  
Tom Conley  
Mike DeMato  
Scott Evanston  
Kyle Karsten  
Mike Kush  
Bobby Mallas  
Andy Parson  
Sean Quinn  
Nick Ryan

# St. John Baseball



# Kids

## BABE RUTH BOYS

### CUBS

Russell Davis  
Pat DeRolf  
Doug Murzyn  
David Nye  
Scott Skownski  
Kit Stanberry  
Joe Govert  
Matthew Nye  
Tony Dotson  
Dave Layman  
Mario Villaseñor  
Alan Bergen

### BRVES

Patrick Daly  
Dustin Gorelick  
Mike Kun  
Shawn Magerski  
Joe Matejevich  
Jason Nolasco  
Jon Popa  
Matt Demateo  
John Ruzich  
Joe Ventura  
Jeff Genbala  
Derek Meseberg  
Adam Meyer

## BABE RUTH

## BABE RUTH BOYS

### ROCKIES

Matt Frost  
Bobby May  
Matt Palko  
Eric Papp  
Brett Smolinski  
Darren Stone  
Derek Stone  
Mike VanAsdall  
David Kosinski  
Brandon Candiano  
Tim Jahaske  
Kenny Dree  
Todd Smolinski

### SOX

Ben Burkel  
Kevin Dalton  
Joe Arand  
Eric Karsten  
Adam Kowalczyk  
Chris Reh  
Mike Bender  
David Funk  
Tom Goodwin  
John Hebda  
John Krull  
Tony LeFore  
Bob Patz

## ST. JOHN GIRLS SOFTBALL

### INSTRUCTIONAL

9 & 10 yr. olds

### CARDINALS

Manager: John Henery &  
Randy Minyard

Melissa Baum  
Nicole Bisson  
Sarah Bpros  
Raquel Deleon  
Michelle Henery  
Chris Homolka  
Bridget Howe  
Katelyn Kapelinski  
Colleen McIntyre  
Marcy Minyard  
Jill Sjoerdsma

### CUBS

Manager: Jack Decker

Laura Arand  
Amanda Arand  
Emily Carson  
Jessica Cottrel  
Monica Decker  
Laura Doyle  
Kristine Hart  
Katelynn Kaluza  
Katie Kosinski  
Sarah Mezo  
Caitlin Mikenna

### SPARROWS

Manager: Tim McCrea

Samantha Biancardi  
Alicia Burt  
Ashley Burt  
Nicole Derezinski  
Ashley Dowling  
Holly Maliziola  
Kelleigh McCrea  
Elizabeth Murphy  
Nedra Ogden  
Christina Pierzchalski  
Andria Trock

### TEAM ?

Manager: Fenton &  
Theresa Doolin

Melissa Charbonneau  
Megan Doolin  
Bethany Evanson  
Brittany Figuly  
Megan Handler  
Jamie Lencioni  
Lauren Opperman  
Katie Parchem  
Lauern Peterson  
Amanda Richart  
Melissa Rutkowski

### SHAMROCKS

Manager: Tim Malloy

Jessica Cardwell  
Samantha Crowley  
Angela Funston  
Lindsey grober  
Kelly Malloy  
Sarah Mullins  
Kristy Ostrowski  
Jennifer Pelc  
Ashlee Pickett  
Krysta Rickey  
Rachel Weaver

### PEACHES

Manager: Dave  
Slupczynski

Christina Caldwell  
Christine Gomeztagle  
Emily Gomeztagle  
Melissa Iwinski  
Maryann Krilich  
Sarah Richardson  
Lorna Slupczynski  
Jackie Stillman  
Katie Stillman  
Kristy Swets  
Kellen Winters

### WHITE SOX

Manager: Cathy Martin

Michelle Fasano  
Brandi Ferman  
Amber Hughes  
Jenelle Kapelinski  
Jennifer Kras  
Katie Lilly  
Marley Martin  
Carley Naughton  
Jennifer Ovanek  
Susan Suszczyk

### JAGUARS

Manager: Tim McGuire  
Coach: Mark Mitchell  
Jim Difiore

Kristen Croner  
Allison DiFiore  
Megan Dypkowski  
Caitlin Foltman  
Allyson Haralovich  
Heather Iwinski  
Julianne McGuire  
Katrina Mitchell  
Lauren Otte  
Lizzie Rener  
Linde St. Clair  
Molly Tobias

### TORNADOS

Manager: Cheryl  
O'Connor  
Coach: Mike O'Connor  
Tom Kayes

Amanda Henry  
Ashley Kayes  
Carl Kimberling  
Ashley Ladwig  
Jenna laMorte  
Gina Lesniewski  
Amanda MacFarlane  
Anneliese Mendonsa  
Elizabeth Nye  
Christina Rutkowski  
Cherish White  
Jessica Wiersma

### SLAMMERS

Manager: Pam Gower  
Coach: Jay Harris

Christina Biancoardi  
Jessica Gower  
Alexia harris  
Jessica harris  
Amanda Kasarda  
Ellen Kasarda  
Theresa Krilich  
Rachel Mezo  
Lauren Vanderzee  
Kathryn Williamson  
Angel Ziady  
Laura Ziady

### THE HURRICANES

Manager: Steve  
Sarcinellar  
Coach: Jack Lencioni  
Pete Caparelli

Sabrina Caparelli  
Jessica Govert  
Cindy Halfman  
Becky Hart  
Gina Lencioni  
Valorie Minyard  
Candice Moore  
Samantha Sarcinella  
Katie Tabor  
Sarah Ventura  
Mandi Venturelli

### MINORS

### ROCKIES

Manager: Greg Cowser

Diana Arand  
Amanda Caparelli  
Kim Cowser  
Sophia DeLeon  
Nicole Matthews  
Katie Meyer  
Samantha Nejman  
Lauren Petralia  
Tracy Smitka  
Samantha Thegze  
Erin Wesley

### DEMONS

Manager: Cindy Charit

Kyle Benjamin  
Sara Chariton  
Katie Chick  
AMelissa grelak  
Julie Hero  
Allison Komarowski  
Joan Krilich  
Katie Mainwaring  
Olivia Ogden  
Rachel Richart  
Jeanne Thomas  
Holly Tworowski

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# BASEBALL FEVER



# CHIROPRACTIC NO LONGER THE ALTERNATIVE!

(Cont. from pg. 18)

Our current health care system offers many options for treatment and any of these options are considered alternative medicine. Chiropractic health care was once considered an alternative treatment to allopathic medicine. However chiropractic can no longer be viewed as alternative health care. As many people used chiropractic as their last resort when all other types of treatment had failed. Today chiropractic should be viewed by the public as a mainstream healthcare and an initial treatment protocol for many health care concerns. In fact, many of the recent research studies are showing that chiropractic is a viable and beneficial form of treatment. The studies also demonstrate and recommend that chiropractic treatment be tried as a conservative treatment plan before drugs and surgery.

The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) in a recent study concluded that spinal manipulation is the safest, drugless initial form of treatment for acute low back pain in adults. In another study done by the RAND corporation, it stated that spinal manipulation was an appropriate treatment for acute low back pain and reported from its analysis that 94% of manipulative therapies are performed by Doctors of Chiropractic. A recent Harris poll survey found that patients with back problems were more satisfied with chiropractic treatment than any other type of treatment.

What is Chiropractic health Care? Chiropractic is based on the scientific fact that the human bodies nervous system controls the function of every cell, tissue, organ and system of the body. Knowing that the nervous system consists of your brain, spinal cord, and all the nerves of the body. The brain is well protected by the skull but the spinal cord is at more risk of injury and harm. However the spinal cord is protected by the vertebral column, which is made up of 24 moving vertebrae. It is when these bones called vertebrae lose their normal

position that they may irritate the nervous system. This irritation is what disrupts the normal function of the bodies tissues and organs that the nervous system controls. When this happens we as Doctors of Chiropractic call this phenomenon a vertebral subluxation or misalignment.

Chiropractic is the science of locating these areas of spinal malfunction and correcting them with what we call a spinal adjustment or manipulation. It is through this correction that normal vertebral motion and normal nervous system function can be restored.

What really makes chiropractic unique from other forms of health care treatment is that chiropractic philosophy believes that the human body has an inborn or innate ability to heal itself - think about the last time you cut your finger. What did your body do to heal that cut.

Doctors of Chiropractic treat many different conditions and are especially competent in treating conditions and pain that arise from the spine as well as all musculoskeletal conditions. I strongly urge you to seek chiropractic care the next time you should have have a problem from one of those areas. You will find in this edition of the St. John Communicator an offer to come into my clinic and experience the benefits of chiropractic first hand. Please take this opportunity to see what chiropractic can do for you. In next months edition of the St. John Communicator I will be discussing low back pain, so make sure you get a copy of next months edition.

Questions or comments can be sent to Absolute Chiropractic Clinic, 9121 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373. Also send ideas in for other topics of discussion. Until next month good luck and good health.

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Mr. Fladeland stated that the reason for this meeting is to appoint a Presi- dent and a Trea- surer for the Finance Committ- ee.	BUSINESS				
Mr. Cook made a motion to nomin- ate Mr. Fladela- nd as President of the Finance Committee and Janice Malinowski as Treasurer of the Finance Com- mittee. Mr. Tro- xell seconded. MEETING ADJORNED	CHRISTINAS BAKERY				DENTIST 
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# SOME TRI TOWN MINUTES

ST. JOHN TOWN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 1996

Roll call was taken with the following members present: John Taylor, President, Fred Kish, Vice President, Douglas Patterson, Member, David Wickland, Town Attorney, and Judith Campanik, Clerk-Treasurer.

## LAKE CENTRAL DANCE TROOP -

Mr. Taylor stated that the Town Council would like to recognize the Dance Troop of Lake Central for being State Champions, in fact this is the second time around that they have done so. Mr. Patterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kish, to add a sign on the existing sign recognizing the Contralettes and the Pom Teams. Motion carried.

## PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY-

Mr. Taylor explained that the town has several items that are no longer needed or are of use to the town that will be accepted sealed bids for. Mr. Patterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kish, to allow Mr. Monix to accept sealed bids for these items. Motion carried.

## REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS- POLICE DEPARTMENT-

Chief Guzik reported that during the month of January, 1996, the member of the St. John Police Department logged 10,670 patrol miles and responded to 226 complaints. Of these incidents, 12 resulted in criminal arrests and 1 juvenile arrest. There were 87 traffic citations and 76 written warnings issued during the month. Theft totaled \$10,179. Reported destruction of property totaled \$2,050. Recoveries were valued at \$3,054.

Chief Guzik also announced that at the last Police Commission Meeting that two officers, Mike Fryzel and Frank Chapranda, were promoted to Sergeant. He also reported that I.D.O.T. has informed the town there will be a traffic light installed at Route 41 and Bingo Lake Drive, providing that the funds are available.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT-

Assistant Chief Tom Redar reported the following calls for January: ST. JOHN: 10 medical calls, 10 Motor Vehicle accidents, 3 Carbon monoxide calls, 1 Motor Vehicle fire, 1 smoke/electrical malfunction, 1 Assist local physician, ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP: 1 Electrical fire, 1 House fire, 2 Motor Vehicle accidents, 1 Assist Cedar Lake Fire Department with cold water rescue.

## PUBLIC WORKS-

Mr. Monix reported that for the Water Department there were eight water main breaks. We have enough salt in to see us through the winter. The Larimer Pond has been completed except for the inspection and seeding for the spring.

that it came to the Town's attention during the Plan Commission Meeting that we have commercial developers that will be coming in to develop at 93 Avenue and Route 41. It will make our traffic problem more difficult. We would be best served to commission a study with regards to the traffic impact. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Patterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kish, to allow the att-

stated that the need to move the V.F.W. is necessary since that building is not ADA accessible and parking would be better at the new building. Some discussion ensued. Mr. Kish made a motion seconded by Mr. Patterson, to allow the elections to be held in the Municipal Building. Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor stated that we would like to thank Jim Woznieski from Jim's Lawn and Garden for

Mr. Kish. Ms. Millis reported she'd spoken with SCOUT TROOP #550 leader, Chip Williams, who indicated the troop would refinish the park signs at the following locations; Larimer, Lancer Homestead and East Park Complex. They will also be willing to install railroad ties at Whiteoak Manor

detention pond for the purpose of stairs to access future ice skating. The project will commence as weather permits. **LARIMER PARK POND** project is complete and grading and seeding will soon be handled.

Ms. Koke made a motion the board actively pursue the hiring of a **PARK BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY,**

2nd by Mr. Haller. Ms. Hawkins felt a board member, acting as recording secretary, consumed too much of their time during the meeting and detracted from that persons time. Ms. Millis will investigate the services of the individuals already doing similar work for the town. If none is found newspaper ad will be placed. The agreed upon cost would be \$30 per meeting including transcribing. Passed 4-0.

Mr. Haller raised the question regarding the **WELL AT HOMESTEAD PARK** having been unusable for a lengthy period of repair. The well had experienced extensive damage due to vandalism. The filling of holes created by animal diggings between the pond and **BULL RUN** is to no avail. **FITNESS PROGRAM** has seen the most success in the **FIT FOR KIDS**

segment. Mr. Haller made a motion to close the aerobic class commencing April 29 for this season due to lack of interest commencing in the spring season, 2nd by Ms. Hawkins, passed 4-0.

Mr. Derezhinski, **GIRLS SOFTBALL,** questioned the condition of 3 fields at East Park and 1 at Larimer. Mr. Monix advised they would be ready.

Ms. Millis indicated a resident had offered a 10 foot willow tree to be transplanted to a park site. Ms. Hawkins made a motion to decline the offer due to the difficulty of transplanting and need of equipment to do so, 2nd by Ms. Koke, passed 4-0.

Chuck Hall, **YOUTH BASEBALL,** questioned what needs to be done to acquire additional practice fields and if there was a possibility to use **Prarie West.** Ms. Millis responded the playing is not allowed inat **Prarie West** and **Whiteoak Manor** has a parking problem.

**SHIRLEY HAWKINS SECRETARY - ST. JOHN PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

**DYER PARK BOARD MEETING JANUARY 9, 1996**

Timothy O. Helm Dr. Kenneth S. O'Barski Gerald Childs Kathleen Lemler-DIRECTOR OF RECREATION Gabriele Hobson-RECORDING SECRETARY

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 am. It will be held at St. Joseph School.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Helm stated he would like to wel-



orney to contact Dennis Cobb and request an estimate for the traffic study at 93rd Avenue and Route 41. Motion carried. Mr. Taylor stated that in regard to the completion of our town mapping, it will be necessary to allow the utilities to use the town map for the mapping of the water sewer lines. Some discussion ensued. Mr. Kish made a motion, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to allow the utilities to use the town map for the completion of the water and sewer mapping. Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor stated that he has received a request from the St. John Democratic Precinct Organization for the use of the Municipal Building for the upcoming election. Mrs. Mary Anne Koke

the donation of a flag pole that will be used when we will install all the town signs for the front of the Municipal Building. Mr. Patterson suggested that we readvertise for the sale of the old Public Works Building. Mr. Taylor requested that the Clerk-Treasurer readvertise the sale of the building. Mr. Caboni stated that Larimer looks very nice.

St. John Park And Recreation Board Mary Ann Koke Joan Millis Shirley Hawkins Paul Haller Town Council Liaison: Fred Kish Those in attendance were; Ms. Millis, Mr. Haller, Ms. Koke, Ms. Hawkins and Mr. Taylor representing the Town Council in the absence of



**NEW BUSINESS: 93rd and US 41 (OLD PIERCE IRON WORKS)**

Mr. Tom Rebb of Metropolitan Real Estate introduced a proposed commercial development on the west side of 41 at 93rd. He distributed copies of two versions of his plans, one with 13,905 sq. ft. of retail, the other with 16,421 sq. ft. The development will incorporate a fast food/service station/car wash and a pharmacy with a drive through. Sandridge Bank owns the property on the north and plans to build a branch bank there. Mr. Rebb noted that the site was selected for its highway visibility, its delivery access, and internal drive patterns.

Drainage problems will be addressed with the bank by detention on the NW corner. Internal road circulation will be developed with the bank's plans. There was discussion of the residential vs. commercial zoning on the lots up to wall st., as some houses have been converted to businesses.

Two curb cuts have been approved by INDOT. Full access is planned on the north access, with right in/right out from the southern one. There was considerable discussion of the traffic problems now on 93rd, Patterson, possible deceleration lanes and median changes (very far off), and the increasing traffic coming from the west and the church lot. Ideas for a cul-de-sac, green strip buffers, vacating and straightening streets, one-way streets, the use of Wall Street, curbing and traffic signals were presented.

Commission members agreed to begin to work with the Town Council to solve the traffic problems at this intersection, both for commercial developments and for expanding residential areas to the west. Mike Meunich recommended Dennis Cobb, a traffic engineer he has frequently used, to study the intersection as soon as possible. J. Taylor indicated his support for such a project, as the Town would not want to impede future development. The developer may be asked to participate in the cost of upgrading the intersection. Mr. Rebb indicated that he would review the results of the traffic study then work with his clients on the allocation of the costs.

Mr. Rebb stated that the future plans also call for a packaged liquor department in the pharmacy; Commission members noted the restrictions on the proximity to a church (within 600'). The parking for about 106 vehicles will incorporate a frontage road concept for the safest traffic flow and internal circulation. The Town requires 1 space for every 150' of retail space (net floor space). A waiver would have to go before the BZA.

Mr. Rebb indicated the project should be listed as McKay Investments; he asked to return to the March study session. He will begin his preliminary engineering and plans for the development, concurrent with improvement of the traffic flow.

that all citizens should be urged to support their efforts by attending the performances of the group. She then moved that \$100.00 be used from the Town Promotion Fund to purchase a full page ad in support of the Tri-Town Players. The motion was seconded by Korfias. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by PRESIDENT John Fladeland at 7:20 p.m., in the Enterprise Corp., 833 W. Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Thomas Shanley, Mark Cowan, Ed Cook, Micheal Troxell and John Fladeland. Staff members present: Attorney Wieser, Town Manager Steve Kil, Clerk Treasurer Janice Malinowski and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

The Regular Utility Board Meeting was called to order by Board President ED COOK in the Enterprise Corp., 833 W. Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Thomas Shanley, John Fladeland, Mark Cowan, Ed Cook and Micheal Troxell. Staff members present: Attorney Wieser, Town Manager Steve Kil, Clerk Treasurer Janice Malinowski and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel. The Finance Board Meeting of the Councilmen of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President John Fladeland in the

come Childs to the Park Board. Helm said that Park Board Meetings for 1996 are scheduled each first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Main Meeting Room; Park Board Study Sessions for 1996 are scheduled each fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Park Office.  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1996**  
**DYER MUNICIPAL CENTER**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT - DENNIS HAWROT**  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS - Steven Bodnar, Sr John Korfias Jacqueline Kennedy Paul Hayes**  
**CLERK-TREASURER - Thomas Hoffman**  
**TOWN ATTORNEY - John Sedia**  
**STAFF - Glen Eberly, Council Coordinator Rick Eberly, Zo-**

ning Administrator  
Chuck Childs, Town Engineer  
David Walker, Chief of Police  
HAWROT OPENED THE MEETING. THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN.  
**213th Street** east of Greenwood Avenue is closed as of February 13th until June 1st due to bridge construction over the Dyer ditch.

HAWROT read a letter from St. John Township Trustee Jim McShane in which he encouraged the Council to reconsider its position on the renewal of the membership with the Northwest Indiana Forum. He also outlined activities of the Forum and how he, McShane, feels continued membership will be beneficial to the Town.  
HAWROT commented

that he was not well spent. at the meeting when discussion was held regarding this issue. He said he believes with Mr. Tom McDermott now being a resident of Dyer, we have an ideal situation for input to be made to the forum. He said he does not feel that Dyer should pull out, of the Forum.  
KENNEDY said that there was no decision to pull out, merely a discussion as to what we get as a town for our annual \$400 membership fee. She said it would be a good idea to have someone from the Forum come to a study session with the Northwest Indiana Forum. Questions.  
BODNAR said he also outlined activities of the Forum and how he, McShane, feels continued membership will be beneficial to the Town.  
HAWROT commented

well spent. RICK EBERLY said he had seen no tangible benefit to this point. He forum did offer help when the Town was trying to get Walt's in-town but it never came to that. As the town grows though, they could become an important partner in a large development project.  
KORFIAS said he is against membership. He said he sees nothing being done in Dyer but things are being done in north Lake County. Beyond that he is unhappy that the Forum came to a study session to answer our questions. Tax to bring the Chicago Bears football team to Gary.  
**DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**  
Hawrot read a letter from Lake Central "DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS" t-

hanking the Town for past support and requesting support again this year. Kennedy moved that the Council donate \$250.00 out of the Town Promotion Fund to the Lake Central Dollars for Scholars program. Seconded by Hayes. The motion was approved unanimously.  
**TRI-TOWN PLAYERS THEATER GROUP**  
Kennedy explained that the creation of the Tri-Town players group is direct result of the Total Quality of Life Initiative (TQLI). The town of Dyer spent about 2 years researching what could be done to improve the quality of life here. She said she feels that since this group is a direct result of that program, that the Town support them by donating \$100.00 for a full page ad in their program and



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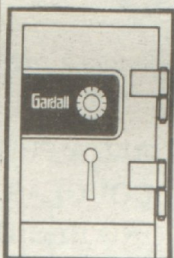
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TOY DRIVE

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already abundant number of presents, the future toy drives at LC should continue to reveal the benevolence of the students as in the past. Renderman said, "I definitely think the toy drive becomes more successful with every year. I think the students realize that Christmas is not just about receiving, but also giving."



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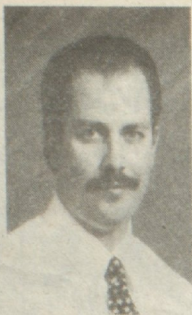
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In June of 1994, St. John Troop 550 learned a little about Pioneering.

Yes these young men flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico to take a 183 mile hike and live off the land for 10 days in Philmont, New Mexico.

The weather was decent, with the exception of 1 day of rain, it got up to 75 degrees to 40 degrees at night. These 4 adults and 8 children ranging in age from 13-17 yrs got up in the morning and learned a lot about things like mountain climbing, hiding their scent, or even a scent that would be a give away for wild animals such as bears, by tying with rope their things such as toothpaste, and food items. You were not allowed to spill food grease or leave any type of food crumbs or scent of any kind behind. Like nobody was ever there.

The boys had a guide who lived out here and showed them the routes and things to watch out for.

They used powder rifles and one particularly interesting thing is the way Boy Scout Troops from all over the country would

help in the building of "Dobie Huts" like the pioneers and some Indians - this was made of clay, dirt, trees, and other things from the earth.

They had known what time it was because at 1:00 pm everyday, the U.S. Air Force would be on their daily training mission.

A rough trip like this, hot having the luxuries of home, (like washing clothes on the river and on rocks) but Troop 550 had a fine memory and good experience forever.

Monies were raised for this expedition by a candlelight bowl and silent auction held at the Stardust Bowling Alley in Dyer, Indiana. Fine job gentlemen and here are some shots of the crew and of some tracks & a built Dobie Hut. Fine Job fellows.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 550 will be going to Florida High Adventure Sea Base in 1997 for things like Scuba Diving, Sailing, turning saltwater into freshwater and many more activities.

June 1st, 1996 again at Stardust Bowling Alley in Dyer, Indiana at 7:00 pm, there will be a fund-

raiser that all adults are welcome to attend along with another Silent Auction. For more information, watch for the May edition of the St. John Communicator or call new Scoutmaster Chip Williams.

By the way thank you Mr. & Mrs. William for the information on the Scouts.



Left to Right/Rear, John Haduck-Parent, Matt Tonkivich-Scoutmaster, Tim Tonkivich-Scout, Phil Kielman-Scout, Doug Haduck-Scout, Tony Williams-Scout, Chip Williams-Asst. Scout Master, Bob Gorczynski-Asst. Bottom: Jim Hicks-Scout, Robert Gorczynski-Scout; Andy Kopling-Scout.



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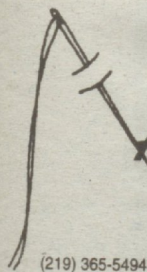
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Prairie

Stoney Run

Stocked species: Channel Cat. Other species found: Largemouth Bass

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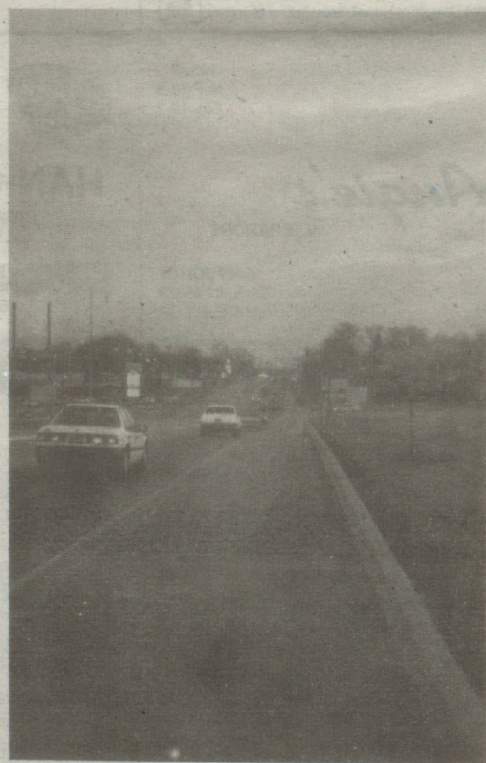


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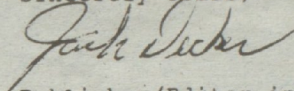
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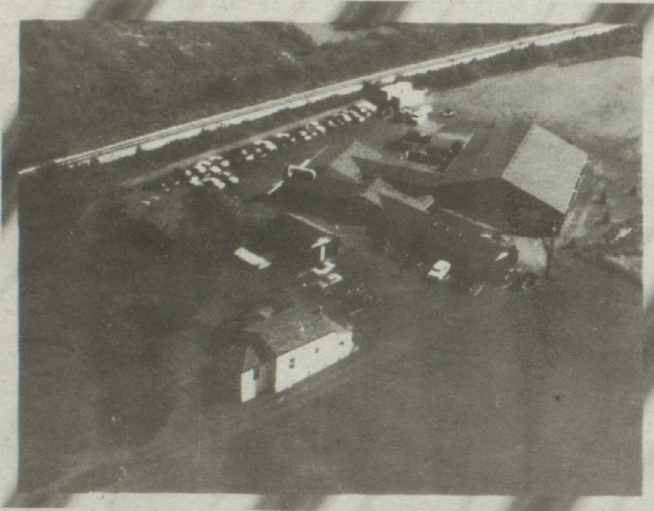
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# St. John Success Hoffman's Collision Centers

**I**n 1976, Joseph Hoffman realized that he was not content performing just mechanical work. It was at this point Hoffman started doing body work in a three stall garage which he built on his parents property in St. John. Within no time at all, he had two body men working for him during the day, enabling him to paint cars in the evenings.



This arrangement worked so well that in 1978, Mr. Hoffman moved into a small building located in Cedar Lake (3/4 of mile east of 41 on 231). Hoffman Auto Body was formed. This building was positioned back from the road and hidden behind a farm house. It was onto this facility, that he has subsequently expanded with

two additions and added a separate building for detailing repaired cars prior to the customers picking them up. Little did he know that by 1992 and again in 1995 his reputation would lead to the addition of Hoffman locations. In 1992, Joseph Hoffman expanded to Schererville locating this body shop inside the Circle Oldsmobile dealership. Later that year, he continued the expansion of his businesses to a building located at 9429 Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland. And once again in 1995, Hoffman extended the reach of his businesses to 7901 Taft Street in Merrillville.

How, from a remote location, has Hoffman successfully built such a large operation? Once you have visited one of his four locations you will begin to see why.

Upon entering the reception areas, you will discover that you would rather make a reservation to stay there yourself than just leave your car for repairs. The office's professional decor and pleasant colors create a feeling of trust and comfort. It helps the office look clean, efficient and friendly.

"When a customer comes to one of our locations, we know that they have had a traumatic experience,"

explained Mr. Hoffman. "That is why I try to provide a calm, peaceful environment in which our staff will do everything possible to accommodate the customer, from contacting the insurance company, to setting up the rental car for them."

The facilities are so clean and organized that customer often joke about the offices being like a doctor's because there so neat and clean. Mr. Hoffman stated that, "Our facility's offices are cleaned on a daily basis, cars are pre-washed before working on them, along with the shop areas which are scrubbed down twice a day." There is know doubt in my mind that this atmosphere has been a very important factor in maintaining the high quality of work performed at Hoffman Collision Centers.



Mr. Hoffman is as concerned with customers satisfaction, cleanliness of the facilities and the work environment, as he is with the training and skills of his employees. "Training for our staff is very important because at Hoffman's we care about the safety of our customers and their families. That is why all are staff, from office help to the technicians, are trained on safety, customer service, and are sent to various seminars and

certified collision repair classes," Hoffman noted. He added that the painters have received training via Du Pont's Assurance of Quality Program in regards to expert color matching and product application.

I firmly believe that Hoffman's commitment to quality, safety and customer service is the reason for the successfulness of his auto body repair facilities. From keeping customers informed during the entire repair process, to delivering the cars fully detailed, to following up the repairs with a thank you letter. It is clear to me that the customers are always number one at Hoffman's.

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